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## Turkey

### Cotton and Products

### Cotton Update

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**Report Highlights:**

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**Executive Summary**

Turkey's MY 2004 cotton area and production is expected to increase slightly to 720,000 hectares and 930,000 MT. Higher world cotton prices during MY 2003 are expected to convince farmers to plant cotton next season. While most of the increase in planting is expected to take place in the Southeast Anatolian (GAP) and Aegean regions, planting in the Cukurova and Antalya regions is expected to remain stagnant. Construction of irrigation canals in the GAP region, where already about half of the domestic cotton crop is grown, is continuing, albeit at a slower than appreciated speed. About 2,000 hectares of newly irrigated land in the region is expected to be available for cotton planting next season.

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